

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2091 - SB 2023**

February 11, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to investigate all officer-involved shootings. Requires the TBI to submit a report of its findings to the district attorney general of the county in which the shooting occurred and to the Attorney General and Reporter (Attorney General).

Defines “officer-involved shooting” as a shooting of a person by a law enforcement officer while the officer is on duty or while the officer is off duty but performing activities that are within the scope of the officer’s duties and that results in the death or critical injury of the person.

Increases, from \$25,000 to \$100,000, the death benefit for a law enforcement officer who is killed in the line of duty.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$300,000/Death Benefit Fund**

Assumptions:

- The bill requires the TBI to investigate all officer-involved shootings. It is assumed that the TBI can handle any impact within their existing resources.
- The bill increases the death benefit for law enforcement officers to \$100,000. The current death benefit for law enforcement officers is \$25,000. These benefits are paid by the Department of Commerce and Insurance (Commerce and Insurance) from the Death Benefit Fund.
- According to Commerce and Insurance, the current budget of the Peace Officer Standards Commission (POST) includes death benefit amounts for four law enforcement officers’ benefits per year, for a total of \$100,000 (4 officers x \$25,000).
- Statistics from Commerce and Insurance indicate 21 officers over the past five years were killed in the line of duty, or approximately 4 per year ( $21 / 5 = 4.2$ ).
- The bill will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures from the Death Benefit Fund by \$75,000 per benefit (\$100,000 – \$25,000). The total recurring increase in state expenditures from the Death Benefit Fund is estimated to be \$300,000 (\$75,000 x 4 benefits per year).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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